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SUBJ: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION
(ICEM)

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1. AS MISSION UNDERSTANDS SITUATION, DEPARTMENT INTENDS
REDUCE USG SUPPORT FOR ICEM'S LATIN AMERICAN PROGRAM FROM
\$1,158,000 IN CY 1974 TO \$750,000 IN CY 1975 WITH FURTHER
REDUCTION \$400,000 IN CY 1976.

2. PER REFTTEL AND PREVIOUS MESSAGES RELATING ICEM, MISSION
BELIEVES THAT ORGANIZATION WARRANTS CAREFUL REVIEW,
PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT USG'S CURRENT ECONOMY DRIVE, TO ENSURE
THAT OUR SUBSTANTIAL YEARLY FIANCIAL SUPPORT TO OCEM'S PROGRAMS
IS COMMENSURATE TO US INTERESTS.

3. EVENT RE-ASSESSMENT OF ICEM UNDERTAKEN, DEPARTMENT MAY
WISH CONSIDER AS SUBSTITUTE OR PARTIAL SUBSTITURE FOR USG'S
SUPPORT OF LATING AMERICAN PROGRAM PROVISION BY USG TO ICEM
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OF CERTAIN NUMBER ASSOCIATE EXPERTS TO HELP ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES

OF SELECTIVE MIGRATION PROGRAM.

4. ASSOCIATE EXPERTS WOULD BE INDIVIDUALS HAVING SPECIAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE IN CERTAIN TECHNICAL AND/OR PROFESSIONAL FIELDS WHOSE SERVICES WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ICEM AND WHOSE COSTS WOULD BE BORNE FULLY BY USG.

5. GOVERNMENT OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAS MADE SIX SUCH ASSOCIATE EXPERTS AVAILABLE TO ICEM, FIVE OF WHOM PRESENTLY EMPLOYED IN LATIN AMERICAN (ONE IN ARTISAN INDUSTRY, TWO IN PLACEMENT AND INTEGRATION ACTIVITIES, ONE IN AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY AND ONE IN UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR PROGRAM); SIXTH GERMAN EXPERT EMPLOYED AT ICEM HEADQUARTERS GENEVA DOING LATIN AMERICAN RESEARCH AND LIAISON.

6. ASSOCIATE EXPERTS ARE NORMALLY EMPLOYED FOR PERIOD OF TWO YEARS AT AVERAGE ALL-INCLUSIVE COST OF \$30,000 PER ANNUM.

7. POSSIBLY CERTAIN NUMBER OF AMERICAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE EXPERTS FROM PEACE CORPS OR USAID COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR ASSIGNMENT TO ICEM'S LATIN AMERICAN PROGRAM. SUCH APPROACH MIGHT BE MORE ECONOMICAL TO USG SPECIALLY IN TERMS OF REDUCED DOLLAR OUT-FLOW WHILE ADVANCING AT SAME TIME PURPOSE OF SELECTIVE MIGRATION PROGRAM INCLUDING DELIVERY TECHNOLOGICAL KNOWHOW TO LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. OTHER ICEM MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, I.E. NETHERLANDS, SWITZERLAND, SPAIN, ISRAEL AND ITALY MIGHT ALSO BE ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE ASSOCIATE EXPERTS TO ICEM.

8. THIS APPROACH, IF SUCCESSFUL, COULD EVENTUALLY REPLACE ICEM'S LARGE AND COSTLY PERMANENT STAFF AND MACHINERY ENGAGED IN RECRUITMENT AND PLACEMENT OF SELECTED MIGRANTS. APART FROM PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION, ICEM MIGHT THEN ASSUME CLEARING-HOUSE ROLE IN LA PROGRAM WITH SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED BUDGET.

9. IF DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS THIS NOTION OF MERIT, WE RECOMMEND THAT USDEL BE AUTHORIZED TO STATE AT UPCOMING SESSIONS ICEM SCBF, EXECCOMM AND COUNCIL THAT USG CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF ASSIGNING ASSOCIATE EXPERTS TO ICEM'S LA PROGRAM. SUCH AND INDICATION WOULD NO DOUBT EASE THE STING OF USG'S INTENDED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REDUCTION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT MENTIONED PARA 1 AND KEEP US IN MORE POSITIVE POSTURE.

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